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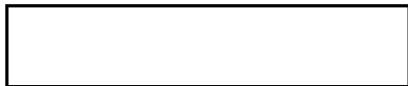
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For




As an introductory lead-in to your paragraph on the ADCO Memorandum for DCI, dated 9 July 1952, I suggest the following:

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 Assistant Director for Communications (ADCO), in response to a verbal instruction issued during a DCI Staff Meeting by the Director of Central Intelligence (General Smith)* submitted a memorandum for the DCI, dated 9 July 1952, Subject: Establishment of a CIA Message Center, describing the proposed Message Center ...(remainder as drafted).

*If more detailed information is desired, you might relate in a footnote that:

The instruction was issued during a DCI staff meeting, attended by a rather expanded group of officers among them  The Director addressed the group at length regarding his desires as to the treatment to be afforded incoming and outgoing messages, particularly with reference to addressee and originator information. The main thrust of the instruction, as directed to the ADCO, was to insure that the DCI was recognized as "in command" and would have access to all messages, through a command element responsible directly to himself; and to eliminate the addressing of messages to particular subordinate elements (both at Headquarters and in the field). The Senior Representative at any given field station was likewise responsible and "in command" in the same sense. The Director cited the State Department procedure of using the Secretary of State's name in every outgoing telegram and the fact that diplomatic installation principal officers signed their names to all of their originated telegrams. Not only was the Cable Secretariat established but cable procedures, including the establishment of "DIR" as the only Headquarters address, were modified to reflect General Smith's desires

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